WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

Life in Pampanga, P. I.

[Mr. Gee, writer of the following interesting letter from the Philippines, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gee, 615 Florida avenue northwest.]

Editor The Washington Herald: Last Saturday I had the rather questionable pleasure of a trip to Macabebe, Editor The Washington Herald: Pampanga province. Three commissioned In plain English, "Hell's fires are the Boston Transcript that was of con- this statement is made, too, with the officers, a detachment of the Hospital banked," is what Dr. W. A. Croffut said siderable interest, and particularly the writer's heartiest approval of Secretary Corps, and a company of Philippine at the Secular League meeting on the opening portion thereof, containing a de- Cortelyou's course in using all the means

scenery, another conductor comes through in hades (hell)," as some good Christian and gives your first-class passage another people do to-day on a very unsound basis punch. In addition to these two, there is an inspector, that boards the train at various other points along the line and looks ever your transportation privilege, scrutinizing the previous punctures with suspicion, and finally giving the unfor- ment refers. tunate coupon another cut.

By the time we reached Calumpit, where we were to change, our tickets and feelings were irreparably mutilated The railroad journey was most interesting. On both sides of the track, as far

as the eye can reach, are hundreds of acres of rice paddies, all carefully cultivated and yielding immense crops. The rice is grown in square plots, from onehalf to one and one-half acres in size, surrounded by small embankments. These plots become flooded during the rainy sea-

boarded a banca, which is a boat made entirely of bamboo, 18 feet long and about 3½ feet wide. Two natives sat at the bow and paddled, while the steersman sat in the stern and guided us. We proceeded for four miles down the Rio Graade, and then struck the Macabebe River for the rest of the trip. The current was terrific, and we made the trip down in forty-five minutes. After hut, all of them being built on piles, is of them gave us distinctly to understand 210 Tenth street northwest, of these precautions, many houses are we could say would not change them. hogs, dogs, cats, goats, humans-all live together in one or two rooms. The conditions are indescribable, and one cannot wonder that cholera and plague de- fever, and what will be the result stroy thousands of them when it once gets a foothold. There is no land here for six months out of every year, yet the riverside is fairly lined with huts, and each hut contains a large family, apparently satisfied with their lot.

We arrived at Macabebe about 9 a. m., made the payment, and took lunch with about what Dr. Kittridge thinks about the three officers stationed there. As you his statements. He is not unmindful of may imagine, they greeted us with out- the fact that many medical men have stretched arms-any one from the out- done great good in the world, have saved side world is more than welcome. Maca- many lives, and brought renewed health bebe resembles Venice in one way only- to very many sufferers, but he still sticks we went from house to house in gon- to his former statements that it is fooldolas. The principal diet of the Amer- ish to use "remedies" to "cure" disease, icans on duty there is whisky and qui- which produce disease in well persons.

place in the islands.

ters are built about twenty-five feet ing up human bodies by the science of above the ground, and the usual fifteen feet of water lies beneath. The house is built entirely of bamboo, and is as best physicians in New York City, who

different languages. Most of the Maca-an untold and incalculable power for bebes speak fairly good Spanish; at harm." Dr. Miller wrote this to Mr. Calumpit the language is Tagalog, and between the two places it is Pampangan. City: "Those who are treating the sick We have become expert in the sign lan-by diet, electricity, vibration, hydrotherguage, and can be fairly well understood apy, &c., are curing more people in pro-anywhere. While waiting at Calumpit portion to the number they treat than we induced several of the Tagalogs to the drug doctors." This same wise docenter into a contest of foot racing. We tor, for whom I have the greatest respect, placed a half peso on a line, and put the says: "All drugs are more or less poiscrowd back about a hundred yards, and onous, and many of them deadly poisons, at a given sign they made a dash for the My experience has convinced me that piled up in a manner that would have drugs given them than from natural with envy. One tall, lanky native in par-ticular distinguished himself by sliding advice about food and hygiene," The on his ear for about twenty feet, with drugging treatment has hurried thououtstretched hand picking up the money sands to the grave, has produced thou-from between the legs of the man in sands of hopeless invalids, has crippled front. He repeated these tactics for three thousands more, has produced the worst races, and then we ruled him out of all diseases known to science in the innocent, subsequent events. They all entered into the spirit of the affair, and when we left, a crowd of some 500 or 600 waved us I know many who have had that dis-

The return trip from Macabebe to a well day afterward. Regarding a water-soaked log, but which proved to forced upon the men of medicine by the itself until there is nothing visible but if Dr. Kittridge thinks the writer a its nose and horns, and seems to enjoy fool because he doesn't believe in giving

nto consideration, our trip was most in- tain that belief just as long as he can teresting, but truth compels me to say retain it, with the unlimited other be-that I have no desire for a repetition. that I have no desire for a repetition. EDWIN S. GEE.

One Explanation of "Hell."

Scouts are unfortunate enough to be sta- 6th inst., as published in The Herald the tioned at this isolated post, and payment following day. As he made a "short is made only once in three months dur- cut" of the business, it may be proper ing the rainy season, on account of the to give an explanation to it for the better another feature of the Botanic Gardens. without doubt, like an avalanche, gather aside from those of a political nature difficulty experienced in reaching there. understanding of what he meant-or re-We left Manila at 6:25 a, m. on the ferred to. The old city of Jerusalem was ent day and age surrounded by a brick just and the unjust. Manila and Dagupan Railroad, which surrounded by what we cail "a dump," consisted of a toy engine and a train of which, for sanitary reasons, was kept coaches about the size of the obsolete constantly burning. Old wood, rags, and this park that necessitates its being his losses may run into the millions, The goldsmiths, whose occupates Belt Line street cars in Washington. We were fortunate enough to catch an express train, and went at "terrific speed," at times making fully eighteen miles an attraction of the White House, the President's home, are covered to be executed, and having no at times making fully eighteen miles an sentenced to be executed, and having no hour. This is exceptional, the average relatives to bury them, were also thrown rate being about twelve miles. These into that fire (or hades) to be consumed trains carry two conductors. One comes by it. Parents, to make their little chilthrough and punches your ticket and dren obedient to themselves and their makes his exit. About fifteen minutes teachers, told them: "If you disobey your later, when you are viewing the passing parents and teachers you will finally land

Congress Heights, D. C.

Water Meters and Typhoid.

Editor The Washington Herald:
In your paper of to-day I read the following in the column "At the Ho-

Benjamin V. Little, a prominent manufacturer of Cleveland, Ohio, is at the Raleigh. Mr. Little has been on business in New York, and took a run down And then read what Mr. Little has to

say. These are his words, exactly: son, so that each rice plot contains about eight or twelve inches of water. The rice crop in this province has increased 150 per cent during the past three years. The conditions for growing and cultivating it are ideal.

At each station a crowd of native boys and girls would besiege us with flowers.

trip down in forty-five minutes. After well, and they would be given a hearing lutions that were adopted, very properly, some landlord."

from six to fifteen feet of water. In spite that their minds were made up, and all completely submerged. We became impressed with the fact that these people are amphibious—babies not over two are amphibious—babies not over two. The numbs were proven innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from known as M. Madeleine. It seems, acold-fashioned money panic, pure and simple to the narrative that M. Made-ple. The duration of such discussion lately over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent, but they were over a proposed national boulevard from the provent innocent in the provent innocent. years of age swim and splash around in thirty feet of water, while the parents look on, entirely unconcerned. Even the few days since? There were more typhoid intervening subdivisions and leine had a trust in imitation jet. When the system and leine had a trust in imitation jet. When the system and leine had a trust in imitation jet. chickens seem to enjoy it, and some of cases in the city than for the corresponding week last year! Now I am not Arlington them actually swim from one point to ing week last year! Now, I am not Arlington. speaking for myself. I am speaking for another. For the most part, chickens, the many neighbors who delegated me to meet the Commissioners and speak for them. And they, naturally, ask who is responsible for the increase of typhoid

> land is an awful example? 616 Eleventh street portheast. Oct. 24, 1900

Replies to Dr. Kittredge.

Editor The Washington Herald: The writer is not worrying very much

The profession of helping suffering hu-The Macabebe Scouts are the best na- manity back to health is the noblest calltive soldiers in the island, and have been ing, and the writer has the greatest reproven absolutely trustworthy. They were spect for those noble men in that work arranging for one of their annual fiestas, who are wise enough to assist nature by and gayly-decorated bancas and gon- natural methods. They are the men who dolas were in evidence. It was a notice- do not have to resort to legislation, to able fact that the most distinguishable bolster up a weak-legged "science," which decoration was the American flag. This is a relic of those barbaric days when would not have been so at any other poisons were first use to drive out the "devil" of disease. Their noble work The officers on duty here curse their stands firmly on its own merits. There fate and write several applications for is no merit in poison or pus for the ills transfer each month. Being only three, of humanity. I know of several phythey cannot even have a rubber at whist, sicians, who, after practicing with drugs and in the army this is the most dismal for over forty years, have given that of all misfortunes. The officers' quar- unsatisfactory method up, and are build-

pleasant as is possible under the cir- has practiced medicine for nearly half a century, says: "Drugs are poisons; they During our trip we encountered three possess absolutely no power to heal, but an untold and incalculable power for When they reached the line they more people die from the effects of the made the Yale or Harvard rush line green causes, or than would die without any

a noisy and apparently regretful fare- eased horse serum injected into their systems, but, I think, not one who has seen Calumpit was against the current, and great white plague." the doctors tried we could not help admiring the ease for generations to "cure" it by pouring with which the three natives pulled the boat through the swift-running water. Twice we ran into what we thought was much success. The "fresh-air cure" was

"barbarians." the superfluous water as much as the the sick deadly poisons, which will pro-web-footed natives. Taking all things duce disease in the well, he may enter-

HARRY B. BRADFORD.

Botanic Gardens Fence Opposed.

Editor The Washington Herald: There appeared in your issue of Tuesscription of our Botanic Gardens.

wall and a rusty iron fence? What is asioned by the fencing in of government land and the use of it for private purposes. Is there not something of the kind going on "within the shadow of the of the Capitol?" B. G. FOSTER.

Mr. Ragan and Dr. Van Schaick. ditor The Washington Herald:

greatest of American citizens, before the point is this: assembled pupils of the Eastern High The South needs the assistance; and Theoretically and academically, the plea

tion with this published notice that the speaker presented this fulsome eulogy of WILL HARVEY HICKS. Robert E. Lee as an example of how different from his career had been the life At each station a crowd of native boys and girls would besiege us, with flowers and hard-boiled eggs for sale. We purchased some of the roses, but realizing that the natives prefer an egg after it has become inhabited, rather than in its primitive state, we did not invest.

We had been told that a launch would meet us at Calumpit, to take us the remaining eight miles of our journey. Upon a maining eight miles of our journey. Upon the escort that there was no launch. We hoarded a banca, which is a boat made entirely of bamboo, is feet long and of the patriot and statesman of whom water meters are seldem, in the patriot and statesman of whom water meters from a tenement block, and was present when they were opened. He said both meters were filled with slime and fifth, and the sight and statesman of whom water meters from a tenement block, and was present when they were opened. He said both meters were filled with slime and fifth, and the sight and since a special to speak, but simply, as evidently believed him (Lee) to have been, a great, good, and patriotic man. For this error of judgment, I privately the was in favor of taxing only took Mr. Van Schalck to task, vainly hoping (as I now see) to bring about a realization of the facts, in his mind that sfour of setting and reading them, could have been, a great, good, and patriotic man. For this error of judgment, I privately the was in favor of taxing only the was in favor of taxing only the evidently believed him (Lee) to have been, a great, good, and patriotic man. For this error of judgment, I privately the was in favor of taxing only the said the was not sent in the lake of the many hoping (as I now see) to bring about a realization of the facts, in his mind that stour discussion of a financial question, asked his op-openent if he was in favor of taxing only the ever, cleaned, it will naturally follow the longer they are used the wars of judgment, I privately the value of the many thoused they are the said the presidence of the many thoused the product of the

Washington, D. C.

The Proposed Boulevard.

The approach to the beautiful national

end of the Aqueduct Bridge, and its military road, eighty feet in width, extends stronger nor uglier name than a dumping small scale, instead of a large one. ground for Georgetown rubbish and discarded material of all kinds, and it is gratifying to note that the citizens of pened. Rosslyn have lately appointed a committee to lay the matter of the condition of this five-acre reservation before the War German Expert Approves American Department and request that it be improved and laid out in parking and ornaented with flowers and shrubbery.

This military road also traverses the Dulany property, with a width of eighty feet, and then skirts the hill in a circular course through the Drain property, with a narrower roadbed of only forty feet in

The government could enlarge this road through its own reservation and purchase twenty feet more from the Dufany property and continue on through the Drain property in almost a straight line and over level ground to its own military

wide all the way, with handsome trees Weather Bureau, and made copious when things have quieted down in what wants any of his (Erne's) game at the and cement walkways on each side, and notes, which he will use in his report to his government, in which he will additional necessary feet of roadbed could be purchased now at very rea- vocate the adoption of the American subdivided and the lots are selling rap-idly, and many new and attractive homes President Roosevelt on Saturday. are being constructed there, and in a short time t will be impossible to buy meteorology and aeronautics will in the boxing at the University of California.

very exorbitant price. Another important thing is, that if the mation as regards air currents and genpresent military road is changed, and a eral weather and air conditions. Dr. macadamized boulevard 100 feet in width Folis said that the development of the onstructed as suggested, it will make ballooon for practical purposes of war Herman for mmediate connection on the government will necessarily be slow. He thinks, how-

way, closely uniting Arlington to Washington and adding a most attractive fea-ture to the many already possessed by the National Capital.

JAMES E. CLEMENTS

Just a "Square Deal."

I have just read with a great deal of interest the article in Saturday morn ing's Washington Herald, in which is given at some length an interview with Representative Burleson, of Texas, relative to his effort on behalf of the South ern farmer to have money from the United States Treasury placed on deposit Usual Purposes of Banking Solvency in Southern banks, in order to prevent at this time the sale at a sacrifice o a large amount of cotton now in store in Southern warehouses. From every standpoint of fairness and justice, Mr day, October 22, an article extracted from Burleson is right in his contention, and The article in question and the Grant panic which seemed impending, and ment led to the creation of the Bank monument discussion brings to the front which, when once precipitated, would of England, objections to the scheme Why is this, a public park, at the pres- momentum on its way, crushing alike the were chiefly raised by the goldsmiths of

are open, when those of the Botanic Gar-lost a hundred are on an equal footing, therefor their receipts, which passed as dens are tightly locked. There has been provided they have each lost all. But considerable difficulty in the West oc- if the man who has lost his million has Bank of England was, of course, due in another left, he has met with a loss in-comparably small when considered from ostensibly on the economic ground that if every standpoint side by side with that business in the country was to be handled of his poorer brother.

Editor The Washington Herald:

On February 12, last, the anniversary of the good and immortal Lincoln, Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., having been invited to do so, opened an address on that

Insulated sons of ton, as we so often leaf the flowery orator express it, when he is making a side bid for the rural vote; neither is it necessary to discuss to the point of condemnation the wiles and crafts of the Wail street gambler. The

School in this city, with the following it goes without saying that in this coun- of the goldsmiths was sound, but the try there is no East, no West, no North, no South; that the proper appeals of the exigencies of the moment, impressed Not long ago I attended the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee. I heard brilliant addresses by a Senator of the United States, a justice of the Supreme Court, and a leader of one of the great parties in the House. But one thing, above all others, in the addresses was made plain: That great as were his achievements as a general, splendid his victories on the field of battle, the greatest thing about Lee was his spirit. When defeat came down upon him, he was a man; he refused to expatriate himself; he took up life among his people, and labored to make the Union real, strong, and permanent.

There appears no evidence in connection, when made to the general of any section, when made to the general with the conviction, that whatever occasional disadvantages there were that at the present time the United States. Treasury is not able to meet this demand, because of the fact that its resources have already, for the present, been directed in another channel; but that does not alter the principle involved.

Mr. Burleson has taken the initiative. Now let him keep his eyes open and be There appears no evidence in connection, that the proper appeals of any section, when made to the general with the conviction, that whatever occasional disadvantages there were that might attach to the introduction of this credit system of doing business, they would be more than compensated by the immense stimulus that would be continually given thereby to the development of the country.

Mr. Burleson has taken the initiative. Now let him keep his eyes open and be longed to the signal disadvantages there were that it the present, the doing the present time the United States. Treasury is not able to meet this deviction of this credit system of doing business, they might attach to the introduction of this credit system of doing business, they might attach to the introduction of the converting the present, because of the fact that its resources have already, for the present, been disadvantages there were t ook up life among his people, and labored to make he Union real, strong, and permanent.

Mr. Burleson has taken the initiative, Now let him keep his eyes open and he on the ground, the early bird to get the jority of instances people would not wish

Trust Bursting. Editor The Washington Herald;

chronicler relates:

"The spacious workshops of M. Madeburying ground from the Capital is really leine were closed, the buildings fell into a disgrace to the government, and the ruins, the workmen dispersed. No longer remedy is so simple and the unsightly any center; competition on all sides, and startling and sensational character that driveway so easy of correction that it on all sides venom. The spirit of strife any written comment upon them is, from ters are established universally, if Cleve- seems strange indeed to the hosts of succeeded to the spirit of organization, one point of view, almost tedious. The visitors who yearly journey to Arlington that the War Department should be satisfied with its present condition and not of the founder toward all; the threads seek to establish a boulevard more in knitted by M. Madeleine became en- been paralleled within the memory of keeping with the beautiful grounds of the sacred shrine to which it leads.

tangled and were broken; the workman-most of the people now active in busi-ship was debased, the manufacturers ness life. The government already owns the five were degraded, confidence was killed, acres immediately adjacent to the south fewer orders, wages decreased, the shops customers were diminished, there were became idle, bankruptcy followed." This was the picture drawn by the through it. This area is entitled to no writer when everything was done on a other institutions, centering their teams, through it. It is true, this is a story, but the companies truest stories are those that never hap-GEORGE C. HENNING.

LIKES OUR WEATHER MAN.

System of Forecasting.

sureau, who was appointed by his gov- that followed. ernment to study the American weather service with a view to improving the German system of forecasting weather and the part of those in control of institu distributing the daily reports among tions. farmers, rivermen, and shipping interests, the banking and financial world. has finished his work, and will to-day leave for New York to take ship for big national banks, with years of ex-Germany.

The eminent German savant has spent three months in this country, and has how the whole financial world turned to applied himself diligently to his mission. Mr. J. P. Morgan and his banking asso rerervation.

He visited Buffalo, Pittsburg, Niagara ciates for guidance and reassurance. UnThe new boulevard should be 100 feet Falls, Blue Hill, and other stations of the doubtedly there must be some change sonable figures. These lands have been system for Germany and its colonies

the land for this great highway except at future be closely allied, by reason of the one supplementing the other with infor-Immediate conjection on the government will necessarily be slow. He thinks, however accounting the proposed Memorial Bridge to Arlington, which in time will undoubtedly be erected, thus providing a convenient and beautiful circular drive-

Fear of Trust Companies Blamed for Disturbances.

RESERVE FUND MAINTENANCE

Answered by Allowing Bank to Use Money Deposited With It-Sacrifice of Valuable Securities Follows Wholesale Cash Withdrawals,

New York, Oct. 27 .- When just at the close of the seventeenth century the at his command to prevent the financial financial necessities of the British govern London, in whose hands had been lodged It is not the great financier who is up to that time whatever banking busi-

The goldsmiths, whose occupation it was Now, Mr. Burleson's request is nothing more than the asking for the "square deal." It is not necessary to expatiate n the ups and downs of the "horny- rapid, and that if there was a general anded sons of toil," as we so often hear rush of people at any time to get their

to use all their money in actual cash a any particular period, and that the main tenance of a reserve fund by a bankir institution would answer all the usua purposes of banking solveney, allowing

Productive industry bank no recourse, if the situation is su trip down in forty-five minutes. After leaving Calumpit we did not get a sight leaving Calumpit we did not get a sight of land until we returned. All the territory is under water. Under each nipa hut, all of them being built on piles, is panic-stricken market, to temporaril suspend payments, or to make pay ment only by check upon other banks. What we have been through has no The zealous trust bursters might take been caused by any fear of the genera There has been much discussion lately a lesson from Jean Valjean, otherwise solvency of financial institutions, but as

Starting a Panic.

There are at times a series of develop ments in the financial world of such

Disturbed over the revelations that were made in the case of one or two Anancial institutions, people started to withdraw their money from a number of

The tendency spread to other cities, all this involving inevitably a large withdrawal of money from institutions not affected by any run, but who were com pelled to part with money for the pro tection of brother bankers and in sponse to the claims of banking de positors, and it is needless to allude, in Dr. Polis, chief of the Prussian weather detail, to the general course of events

> It is not at all a case of banking methods in general, but of specific integrity and ordinarily fair business judgment o There are plenty of good men in

> How the old line trust companies and perience and conservatism behind them, stood out like mountain peaks, calm and undisturbed, in last week's storm!

> > AMONG THE BOXERS.

Sam Berger has been engaged to teach Bill Squires is still in California, and level. has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Jack Blackburn has been offered a hance to box Rube Smith at either Denver or Pueblo, Colo.

Mike Schreck and Al Kaufman may boxers. fight at Tonopah on Thanksgiving Day in a forty-five-round contest. Tex Rickard wants to bet \$20,000 that

inside of twenty rounds, and ever since

the fighting Dane has been deaf and Fight Promoter McCarey, of Los An- the old Shamrock Athletic Club, which geles, Cal., has just announced that in decade ago was one of the leading aththe future all pugilists who box at his letic organizations of Washington.

fering big purses. lowing in the footsteps of many boxers a number of players who have sin gone before, proposes to teach the young idea how to lead and counter, to duck and sidestep, and with that end in view has associated himself with the Pennsylvania Institute of Gymnastics, in bowling. The membership list is now Philadelphia. While doing this he will open at Dwyer's cigar store, 729 North

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at any time that the Harp thinks h light-weight limit of 123 pounds. It is reported that the San Francisc board of supervisors have changed their minds regarding the granting of licenses for boxing shows, and will give permits to Alex Greggains, Jack Gleason, Morris Levy, and Eddie Graney, with the understanding that all bouts are to be on the

John Taylor, owner of the Boston Americans; Miah Murray, the well-known Tommy Ryan is going to train Kid sporting man of that city, and Rob Roy Herman for his coming bout with Packey Benton, the veteran writer on boxing, are organizing a boxing club, to be run stricton the membership plan. They are fitting up the old armory on Irvingtor street, Boston, for a boxing arena, it will be big enough to cater to the best

SHAMROCKS TO REORGANIZE.

Joe Gans can knock Battling Nelson out Old Athletic Club Will Be Revived and Teams Put in Field, A movement is being made to revive

club will have to work on a percentage. While the Shamrocks entered severa basis or not at all, as he is through of- branches of sports, their most creditable showings were made on the diamond Prof. Erne, formerly Young Erne, fol- and the line-ups included the names of

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